

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meetings of May 12 and May 26, 2010, special meetings held May 17 and May 24, 2010 and the public hearing held May 20, 2010; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced the Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club Annual Fishing Derby, scheduled for the disabled on June 12, 2010 and for youth on June 13, 2010.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced the 2nd Annual Block Party in Downtown Pascoag scheduled for June 26, 2010.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced the June 8 and June 12, 2010 dedication ceremonies of the Edward D. Vock Conservation Area.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced the cat spay and neuter clinic June 30 and July 22, 2010.

Councilor Kevin D. Heitke congratulated Burrillville High School graduating seniors. Councilor Heitke noted that June 9, 2010 was awards night and extended congratulations to those students receiving academic awards.

Councilor Kevin D. Heitke announced the 10 in 60 session scheduled for June 16, 2010. Councilor Heitke indicated that the program would be suspended for the summer.

Councilor Norman C. Mainville announced the Northern Rhode Island

Firefighters Annual Memorial Day Parade, to be held in Millville on June 13, 2010.

Councilor Norman C. Mainville commented on a sustainable energy conference he attended on June 5, 2010 and suggested that any efforts the town makes towards wind turbine should be of appropriate size.

Councilor Robert A. Bishop announced the Pascoag Library summer reading program called Make A Splash, beginning July 8, 2010.

Councilor Robert A. Bishop announced the Boy Scout Troop One carwash scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Jason's Trucking, Nasonville.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager conveyed a request from Mayor Fontaine of Woonsocket for a letter of support for Landmark Medical Center.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager Wood commented on the proposed 2011 budget, with which he met his responsibility to present a balanced budget. Mr. Wood reviewed the reasoning for the proposal and discussed the issues and potential outcome.

5. Petitions:

10-147 Petition from Thomas E. Sparks, Esquire, as attorney for John Inger, for a claim of damages from the Town of Burrillville (amount to be determined) for injuries received due to a fall on an obstructed sidewalk in Pascoag on May 25, 2010.

VOTED to deny the claim; refer it to the Solicitor's office and The Trust.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-148 VOTED to open the petition from Verizon New England Inc. and Narragansett Electric Company to place one new joint stub pole on Benedict Road.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, indicated that the town was experiencing a lack of cooperation from Verizon relative to

removing duplicate poles in Pascoag. Mr. Wood asked the Town council to approve the petition, but to include a letter indicating that if Verizon continues to be uncooperative, then the town will not continue to support their requests.

MOTION to grant the petition, with the stipulation that Mike Wood will follow up with a letter informing them of the issues.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville.

AMENDED MOTION: To stipulate clearly that if the pole needs to be moved, it will be at the cost to Verizon and Narragansett.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees.

The main motion passed unanimously. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

The amended motion passed unanimously. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D.

Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

6. Special Business: None

7. Public Hearings:

10-149 Relative to considering and acting on the proposed changes to the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, Chapter 19, entitled Redevelopment Agency, Article IV – Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area by adopting the First Amendment to the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Plan.

NOTE: The notice of hearing was advertised in the legal section of the Woonsocket Call on Thursday, June 3, 2010.

1. Comments/Input/Recommendations by Michael C. Wood, Town Manager.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager and Secretary of the Redevelopment Agency explained the ordinance that designates the Pascoag Redevelopment Area, established to allow the Redevelopment Agency to implement improvements to designated areas. Mr. Wood indicated that the properties identified in the First Amendment to the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Plan are included in the original Pascoag Redevelopment District. Mr. Wood said that the Solicitor recommended the extra step of modifying the plan to identify specific

properties.

Mr. Wood noted that the listed properties would be targeted for rehabilitation, but that no immediate changes were anticipated. Including the properties in the plan, he said, allowed the Redevelopment Agency to seek funding, identify third parties and deal with properties in accordance with the authority of the Redevelopment Agency. The present ordinance amendment, Mr. Wood said, is the first step in moving forward.

Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, concurred with Mr. Wood's comments.

2. Proponents:

James Langlois, Chairman, Burrillville Redevelopment Agency, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Langlois noted that the Town Council had been informed in each step taken by the Burrillville Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Langlois referenced the Cecil Group and Bryant University studies of downtown Pascoag, as well as the Redevelopment Agency's detailed, direct investigation. Mr. Langlois testified that the ordinance amendment was required for the Redevelopment Agency to move forward and supported adoption.

3. Opponents: None

4. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

5. Town Council Members Comments/Input/Deliberation

Councilor Norman C. Mainville noted that he had studied the intent of the ordinance. Councilor Mainville credited the Redevelopment Agency as dynamic and energetic and commended their work in the Harrisville Redevelopment Area and the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area. Councilor Mainville noted the Agency's intent of working with the people in the Area and supported the amended ordinance.

6. Consider and take action on amendments to the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, Chapter 19, entitled Redevelopment Agency, Article IV – Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area by adopting the First Amendment to the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Plan.

VOTED to adopt the First Amendment to the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Plan.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

The Town Council of the Town of Burrillville hereby ordains as follows:

Chapter 19, Redevelopment Agency, Article IV – Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area of the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, is hereby amended as follows:

**First Amendment to the
Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Plan**

Sec. 19-120. Plan designated as approved plan for Pascoag Redevelopment Area.

The First Amendment to the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Plan, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk and which is incorporated herein by reference, is hereby designated as the approved plan for the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Additional Proposed Redevelopment Parcels for Acquisition

The Burrillville Redevelopment Agency (BRA) has recently acquired several parcels within the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area as shown on Figure 10. In order to accomplish the redevelopment plan it will be necessary for the BRA to acquire additional parcels within the Downtown Pascoag Redevelopment Area. The preferred method of acquisition is through negotiated purchase but the BRA is authorized to secure property ownership through eminent domain, if necessary, in accordance with RIGL §45-31-33. Properties to be acquired are shown on Figure 11 and described briefly below along with the reasons for their acquisition.

1) Plat 175, Lot 19

This lots fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 2.96 acres. The parcel contains a vacant two story 4500 square foot commercial building that formerly housed a gas station. This site is the source of contamination of the public water supply for the Village of Pascoag and it is likely that the site is in need of environmental remediation. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

2) Plat 175, Lot 25

This lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 0.08 acres. The parcel contains a two family 2466 square foot structure which is presently vacant. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

3) Plat 175, Lot 40

This lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 0.0752 acres. The parcel contains a two story 1,806 square foot mixed use building with a bar on the first floor and apartments on the second floor. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

4) Plat 175, Lot 43

The lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 0.03 acres. The parcel contains a 3,120 mixed use building which is vacant. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the

alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

5) Plat 175, Lot 60

This lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 0.16 acres. The parcel contains a partially occupied three-story 8088 square foot building with a vacant store front on the first floor and apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

6) Plat 175 Lot 61

This lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of 0.27 acres. The parcel contains a vacant one story brick commercial building comprising 2,404 square feet. The parcel also contains a one-story wood frame structure comprising of approximately 1,143 square feet which currently houses a thrift shop. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

7) Plat 175, Lot 63

This lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 0.100 acres. The parcel contains a partially occupied 4950 square foot

building with retail on the first floor and apartments on the second and third floors. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

8) Plat 175, Lot 65

This lot fronts on Nahant Place and consists of approximately 0.12 acres. The parcel contains a 1258 sq. foot residential building. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

9) Plat 175, Lot 73

This lot fronts on Pascoag Main Street and consists of approximately 0.15 acres. The parcel contains a 3,274 square foot commercial building which is partially occupied. The property is substandard, blighted and rehabilitation appears to be cost prohibitive. The BRA proposes to acquire this site, demolish the building and offer the site for development as a stand alone lot or in combination with adjacent properties. In the alternative the parcel may be developed as a site for parking or public use such as parks and recreation.

7. VOTED to adjourn the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Public Hearings:

10-150 Relative to considering and acting on the proposed changes to the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, by adding a section entitled Compensation of Town Council Members and School Committee Members.

NOTE: The notice of hearing was advertised in the legal section of the Woonsocket Call on Thursday, June 3, 2010.

1. Recommendations of the Ordinance Subcommittee

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley, Chair, Ordinance Subcommittee, reported that the proposal had been recommended by Council President Nancy F. Binns and discussed by all committee members, who agreed that a change is needed. Councilor Dudley said that the Ordinance Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend passage

of the proposal.

2. Comments/Input/Recommendations by the Administration (Town Manager and Town Solicitor)

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, noted that because the proposal relates to a policy decision, he had no recommendation. Mr. Wood thanked Council President Binns for introducing the proposal in time to include changes in the 2011 budget consideration.

Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, recommended that, in Sec. 2. Paragraph 1, the word “town” should be replaced with “town/school” to make it clear that the elimination of benefits applies to both the Town Council and School Committee members.

3. Proponents:

Mary Ryan of Mapleville spoke in favor of removal of health benefits and asked that the stipend to elected officials be reduced or eliminated rather than increased as proposed.

Mark Brizard, 571 Victory Highway thanked the Town Council for considering eliminating health insurance and other benefits, acknowledged the Ordinance Subcommittee for advancing the proposal, and support the proposed stipend.

4. Opponents:

Nancy Angell, 1001 Hill Road, Pascoag spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Ms. Angell supported establishing compensation and benefits by Charter and supported the compensation and benefits proposed by the Charter Review Commission.

Carl Toti, 285 Main St., Pascoag spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Mr. Toti commented on unfortunate financial circumstances, suggested the proposed stipends were too high, and supported the compensation and benefits proposed by the Charter Review commission.

Mary Ryan of Mapleville questioned the ethics of elected officials establishing compensation by ordinance, and supported placing the question before the voters. Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, explained provisions of the Rhode Island Code of Ethics and the staggered implementation of the ordinance.

Chris Toti, Main St., Pascoag commented that the Town Council had rejected past opportunities to implement savings on compensation and benefits.

Joan Cote, 323 Lynne Lane, a present school committee member, spoke in support of adopting the ordinance.

NOTE: At the request of Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, there was a recess from 7:40 to 7:43 P.M.

Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, recommended that the Town Council consider a motion to amend the proposal before the closure of the public hearing.

VOTED to amend proposal to add “/school” in paragraph 2; and to add that “Nothing herein shall affect retirement benefits for members of the town council”.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

5. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

6. Town Council Members Comments/Input/Deliberation

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley suggested the proposed compensation was too high but supported the proposed ordinance because it eliminates health insurance.

Councilor Robert A. Bishop agreed that the proposed compensation was too high but supported the proposed ordinance because it eliminates health insurance.

Council President Nancy F. Binns reviewed the amount of compensation, noting that the stipend had not been raised at least since 1989. Council President Binns noted that she had proposed the ordinance because of the financial situation the town is facing.

Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. said that the Town Council had previously considered and rejected changes to compensation and benefits. Councilor Karmozyn suggested that health insurance should be available, that elected officials should have a choice. Councilor Karmozyn questioned Councilor Dudley's assertions relative to eliminating health insurance when her own is provided at taxpayer expense.

Councilor Kevin D. Heitke noted that the health insurance expense accounts for point four percent of the budget and commented on the amount of time, effort and expertise elected officials provide. Councilor Heitke said that he would support the proposal.

7. VOTED to adopt the ordinance on Compensation of Town Council Members and School Committee Members, as amended in the public hearing.

The Town Council of the Town of Burrillville hereby ordains as follows:

The Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, is hereby amended by adding the following:

Chapter 2

Administration

Article III. Officers and Employees

Sec. 2-52 . Compensation of Town Council Members and School Committee Members

(a) Compensation

1. Annual compensation for elected officials shall be fixed as follows:

- a. Each member of the Town Council \$6,500**
- b. President of the Town Council \$7,000**
- c. Each member of the School Committee \$4,500**
- d. Chairperson of the School Committee \$5,000**

(b) Benefits

- 1. An elected official may participate in town/school health insurance**

plan(s) and/or any town/school benefits plan offered to town/school employees at his or her own cost. Nothing herein shall affect retirement benefits for members of the town council.

2. Nothing herein shall prohibit an elected official from being reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the transaction of official Town business.

(c) Effective dates

1. Provisions of this section shall be effective January 1, 2011 for town councilors elected in the November 2010 general election; and effective January 1, 2013 for town councilors elected in the November 2012 general election or thereafter.

2. Provisions of this section shall be effective January 1, 2011 for school committee members.

Adopted this 9th day of June 2010

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and John M. Karmozyn Jr. Councilor Norman C. Mainville voted in opposition.

8. MOTION to adjourn the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

8. Unfinished Business:

10-006 VOTED to open the correspondence from Kevin Bliss, Owner, Crystal Lake Golf Course, regarding his request for a five-year tax stabilization.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, indicated that a public hearing would be required if the Town Council wished to consider a tax stabilization program. It was noted that in 2005 Crystal Lake had been granted a five-year stabilization with the proviso that they could request an extension. Kevin Bliss explained expenses related to his property. The provisions of the ordinance were reviewed. Mr. Bliss indicated that there were no projected improvements to his property scheduled for the next five years. Mr. Bliss said that the program would allow him to keep up during a difficult economy. In response to

questions from Councilor Margaret L. Dudley, Town Solicitor Timothy F. Kane suggested that the intent of the ordinance was that the period of stabilization programs should be consecutive, with no gap in the timeframe.

VOTED to schedule a public hearing in July.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

9. New Business:

10-151 VOTED to open the correspondence from Nancy F. Binns, Town Council President regarding the schedule of meetings for the summer of 2010.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

VOTED to cancel the meetings of July 28th and August 25th.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-152 Correspondence from John P. Mainville, Finance Director regarding his recommendation to award the bid for the annual audit (2010, 2011, 2012) to the auditing firm of Cayer Caccia LLP.

VOTED that the auditing firm of Cayer Caccia LLP be awarded the annual town audit with a letter of commitment for the next three years (June 30, 2010 - \$34,000; June 30, 2011 - \$34,000; June 30, 2012 - \$34,000) subject to approval by the Auditor General.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-153 MOTION to receive and file the correspondence from Kevin J. Mitchell regarding his resignation from the Burrillville Board of Canvassers.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees.

AMENDED MOTION: to receive with regret and to send a letter of thanks for his service.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke.

The amendment passed unanimously. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

The main motion passed unanimously. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-154 VOTED to open the correspondence from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager regarding his recommendation to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Blackstone Valley Partnership Grant application.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors

Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, indicated that ten cities and towns would submit the joint grant application for regional planning and that Town administration advocates the regional concept. Mr. Wood said the application fee is reasonable, given that the grant could be as much as five million dollars.

VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Blackstone Valley Partnership Grant application; said sum to be charged to the Town's contingency fund.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-155 VOTED to approve the Interlocal Equipment Sharing and Personnel Interchange Contract.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr.

Discussion: It was noted that the proposed contract had been

reviewed by the Town Solicitor, as well as the solicitors of other communities. The provisions of the contract among the towns of Burrillville, Glocester, North Smithfield and Smithfield were reviewed.

The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-156 VOTED to table consideration and action on the Joint Purchasing Agreement.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-157 VOTED to open the correspondence from Stephen N. Rawson, Chairman, Burrillville Conservation Commission regarding the Bicentennial Park designation.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D.

Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Discussion: Stephen N. Rawson, Chair, Burrillville Conservation Commission, outlined a project establishing a resource map of the Town. Mr. Rawson proposed designating the corner of Laurel Hill Avenue and Church Street in Bridgeton as Bicentennial Park. Council President Nancy F. Binns requested that the Town Clerk prepare a resolution for the Town Council's consideration at the next meeting.

10-158 VOTED to open the correspondence from Councilor Margaret L. Dudley regarding budget recommendations.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Discussion: Councilor Margaret L. Dudley explained her proposals to 1) reduce the stipends of board and commission members, 2) impose a surcharge on gasoline used by quasi-municipal agencies and 3) prorate the cost of dispatch to the fire departments. The proposals were discussed.

VOTED to table this matter to the budget hearing.

Motion by Councilor Robert A. Bishop. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

10-159 Consider and act on pending legislation:

A. VOTED to receive and file the Legislative Status Report with thanks to the Clerk's office for continuing to follow up on this.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

B. Other pending legislation

10. Town Clerk/Communication:

10-160 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Rhode Island town councils and school committees requesting support for their resolutions:

a) Resolution of the Exeter-West Greenwich School Committee regarding a funding formula; and

b) Resolution of the Exeter-West Greenwich School Committee in opposition to mandatory contract continuation legislation; and
c) Resolutions of Exeter-West Greenwich School Committee and the Town of North Kingstown Town Council in opposition to mandatory binding arbitration on monetary matters for teachers.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

Note: the Burrillville Town Council had previously has taken a position on issues raised in the Exeter-West Greenwich resolutions.

Resolution of the Town of Richmond Town Council in support of the waiver of recording fees for special loans for flood victims.

Discussion: It was noted that the recording fees for special loans for flood victims had been waived administratively.

VOTED to receive and file with thanks to the Clerk.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors

Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

11. VOTED to adjourn at 8:52 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk